GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DISTRIBUTION OF DAILY NEED ITEMS THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently introduced a scheme for regularly distributing 11 items of daily use through fair price shops;

(b) if so, the items which are being distributed under the scheme;

(c) whether these items are distributed to all families both APL and BPL;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (d): The Government of India have launched a scheme in July, 2000 envisaging distribution of select eleven commodities of daily use namely, Arhar Dal, Gram Dal, Malka Red, Urad Whole, Salt, Tea, Toilet Soaps, Detergent Cake, Exercise Notebooks, Edible Oil and Tooth Paste. The State Governments, however, have the option to choose the items as per their requirements/preferences. According to the scheme, these goods will be made available to the consumers irrespective of their APL/BPL status, in suitable consumer packs, through the existing public distribution system, the Consumer Cooperatives and the State Civil Supplies Corporations or other agencies as may be decided by the respective State Governments.The National Cooperative Consumers` Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF), which is the apex body of consumer cooperatives in the country, has been nominated as the nodal agency to implement the scheme.

(e) : The scheme does not envisage any financial assistance/subsidy on the part of the Government.